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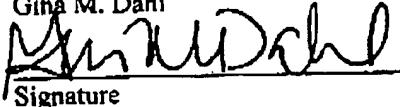
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Dear Sir:

Applicants elect Group I (claims 1 to 7) in response to the Restriction Requirement of August 17, 2006.

Applicants traverse the requirement to the extent of requesting that claims in Groups II, III, and IV that correspond to allowable Group I claims be reinstated for allowance. An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

Applicants further traverse the finding that there is no common special technical feature for the various groups of claims. All of the claims require the combination of glucose hydrogenase and Ru compound, and Applicants respectfully contend that this feature is neither disclosed nor suggested by the prior art. Applicants respectfully further suggest that there is no undue burden on the USPTO in examining claims 8-12 with claims 1-7, or with examining claims 24-32 with claims 13-23, particularly in view of claims 2 and 14.

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